## THE SANTA FE FIGHT

FIRST ROUND WON BY GENERAL TRACY'S "PROTECTIVES."

Talk with a Superintendent Regarding the Outlook for Railways-Central Traffic Affairs.

The fight for possession of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road took a new turn at Topeka yesterday. The "protectives," headed by General Tracy, scored a point by securing an injunction restraining the stockholders from electing directors until the courts should decide whether or not the cumulative plan of voting could be exercised. Judge Foster granted the order conditionally, that is, he said the meeting could proceed if the cumulative plan of voting were exercised, otherwise not. In this event he would set the hearing on the temporary restraining order for Monday, Oct. 29.

After half an hour's session the stockholders elected Thomas A. Osborn chairman and adjourned to 10 o'clock Thursday, Nov. 1. Newman Erb introduced a resolution that the federal court be asked to appoint a committee to investigate the company's affairs and report to the stockholders within about thirty days. This resolution was shut out by the passing of a mo-tion to adjourn made by Director Gleed. The general committee is confident that the restraining order gives the "protectives" nothing in the way of permanent advantage. They declare that they are sure of winning and carrying out the plan of selecting the present directors without the "protectives" having a single representative on the board. They declare that all the talk about the expiration of the Santa Fe charter is simple in the extreme, and that the company is operating under a charter granted in 1859, unlimited as to time. They further declare that the cumulative plan of voting was brought up years ago and de-clared to be inapplicable to the Santa Fe's voting system, that this decision was reached by unanimous consent of the ablest counsel in the Santa Fe's employ, and also that the settled policy of the company has been fixed against the cumulative plan.

## Getting Down to Hardpan.

Said a general superintendent yesterday: "We are now coming to a place in business with the railways where they can tell about what they are doing in the way of earnings. Everything is getting down to the hardpan basis. While most roads are carrying a larger tonnage than last year, and freight earnings show an increase, still most roads in this section show a decrease in passenger earnings up to the present time, but the tide will now turn with the passenger department, as after the third week in October the world's fair business did not cut a very important part in receipts from the passenger service, the business carried being mostly homeward bound on the return part of the ticket. I look for better things with the passenger department from this on, for the reason that for weeks past the receipts from the passenger business have compared favorably with 1892, which was a better year for some roads than was 1893. The most important point in the situation is that now comparisons are made with pay rolls of last year, after the roads adopted and put in force the retrenchment policy. The pay rolls show one-third less men employed, but about as much money paid out to the trainmen; in fact, those who are at work are making better wages than last year in September or October, and likely will for some time to come. This is due to the fact that there are no extra crews to divide work. The weather has been so favorable for Indianapolis roads this fall for handling traffic to advantage that a train crew can handle eight to ten more cars to the train with the same power than when the weather is unfavorable. Taking all things to-gether, the transportation departments are in the best shape of any time in many years. Coupled with this there have been few wrecks and no congestion of business at central railroad points. Both through and local business for the last sixty days has been handled at 25 per cent. less cost than heretofore. The power of most roads is in excellent condition, and if reasonably fair rates are obtained for hauling the busness I am confident that both gross and net earnings will soon be very satisfac-

Central Traffic Affairs. At yesterday's session of the Central Traffic Association, in Cleveland, President Ingalls, of the Big Four, was asked to do what he could to prevent the Chesapeake & Ohio from acting as a demoralizer of association rates. Without admitting anything charged against the Chesapeake & Ohio Mr. Ingalls finally agreed that whoever represented the Big Four at the association's meetings hereafter should have authority to act as the agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio, to contract obligations on the part of that road, and to abide by agreements looking to the maintenance of rates. A resolution was adopted making fourteen of the presidents and general managers an executive committee, whose duty it shall be to use every effort to keep rates at the schedule fixed. Committees were also provided for the adjustment of passenger and freight differences between different roads. The appeals from the committees will be to the executive committee, and any appeal from the last named committee must be settled by arbitration. A resolution was adopted unanimously pledging the members to issue no passes with a view to affecting regular traffic. It was also resolved to restrict further the issuing of annual and other passes to railroad officials and others.

Carried Out Its Threat. The Illinois Central road has put into efgect its rate of \$100 from Chicago to the Pacific coast via New Orleans. This action clearly puts the Illinois Central in contempt of the agreement of the Western Passenger Association, but there is a tacit understanding that the association will allow the rate to stand until it is demonstrated whether or not it will tend to dis-organize the business of the other asso-ciation lines. If it does, and the other ines appeal to the association for relief, the Illinois Central will at once withdraw from the association and keep the rate in ef-fect. The Illinois Central has never had the reputation of being given to the practice of demoralizing business when it can be avoided, and the other association lines have much confidence that it will not create unnecessary trouble.

Personal, Local and General Notes. The Chicago & Northwestern earned in September \$2,743,060, a decrease as compared with September, 1893, of \$582,066. The Chicago & Alton, on account of dull business, has shut down its shops at Bloomington and other points for one week. After the first of next month the passenger fare by all lines between Chicago and Peoria will be \$7.65, instead of \$7 the round

Anderson is already moving to have the Big Four, in rebuilding its Michigan division shops, which were burned at Wabash, ocate them at Anderson.

A. M. Schoyer, superintendent of telegraph of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, is confined at home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

The marketing of the \$8,000,000 new first mortgage bonds of the Wabash for refunding purposes at 102 is leading to favorable comment on the part of financial papers in

Robert H. Day, commercial agent of the Ontario Dispatch, with headquarters at Detroit, was in the city yesterday on a business trip, Indianapolis having been added to

As soon as the ownership of the Minne-apolis & St. Louis is definitely settled it is proposed to extend the road through Mankato to connect with the Wisconsin, Minnesota & Pacific. The second track is now completed on

the Panhandle lines to a point fifty-six miles west of Pittsburg. Nearly two-thirds of the distance between Pittsburg and Columbus is now double track.

Chief Engineer Mansfield, of the Union railway and Belt road, is making some permanent improvements to these lines. abandoning the idea of patching up things in one place and another to show light ex-

Walter B. Comstock died in New York Wednesday night, aged seventy-five years. He was for many years interested in the transportation companies between New York and the Pacific coast. His estimated wealth was \$250,000.

The Pennsylvania inspection party, which has been out ten days, reached Pittsburg on its return yesterday. Vice President McCrea and General Manager Wood left the party at Pittsburg, President Roberts going to Philadelphia.

The work of erecting the last span of the new redroad bridge between Jefferson-ville and Louisville will be begun on Mon-

day next. During the recent fine weather Superintendent Simms has pushed the work

In the case of the Lafayette Lumber Manufacturing Company against the Big Four the Superior Court of Tippecance county decided in favor of the defendant. The court held that the rallroad companies had a right to collect demurrage charges. For some years past the president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe has received a salary of \$40,000 per annum, which, with the salaries of the receivers at the present time, makes a large inroad into the earn-ings even of as big a system as the Santa

C. E. Schaff, assistant general manager of the Big Four, and G. W. Kittredge, chief engineer, were in the city last evening en route to Cincinnati from St. Louis, where they had been to look after some contemplated terminal improvements at East St. Louis.

The oldest officials about the Union Station state that they have never before known the trains of the several roads to run so near on schedule time as they have for the last sixty days. A late train now is a surprise. Track conditions and the weather all favor making good time.

The official freight classification committee of the joint committee of the trunk lines, Central Traffic Association and New England roads finished its work yesterday. The committee had been in session in New York since Tuesday. It will make its annual report to the joint committee in Jan-

Judge Sanborn, of the United States District Court, to whom was referred the traffic agreement between the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Northern Pacific roads, has indicated that he will ratify the agreement, and the "Q." will on next Sunday open its extension to Billings, a point on the Northern Pacific.

In the first three weeks of October there were handled, as shown by the official statement, on the Big Four system 117,050 loaded cars, against 105,434 loaded cars in the corresponding period of 1893, and against 118,329 in the corresponding period of 1892. This in an increase over last year of 12,-071 loaded cars, and but 315 fewer than in the corresponding period of 1892.

M. E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four. who has been in Cleveland for three or four days attending a railroad meeting, goes to New York to-day to remain a couple of weeks. Next week there is to be a meeting in New York of the Vanderbilt people, when it is expected the successor to the late John Newell as president of the Lake Shore will be decided on.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway Company has paid to R. P. Flower & Co., as fiscal agents of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, \$4,000,-000, being the amount due the latter company for equipment bonds of the Minneap-olis & St. Louis company, held by the Rock Island. This payment was provided for un-der the Minneapolis & St. Louis reorganistanding.

The receiver of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad Company reports total receipts from May 22, 1893, the date of his appointment, to Sept. 30 of this year, at \$3,643,916, of which \$7,864 was cash on hand when he took possession of the property, and \$167.542 received on accounts outstanding prior to his appointment. The total disbursements of the receiver foot up \$3,619,921, of which \$572,889 have been on account of claims incurred prior to his appointment, leaving cash on hand Sept. 30,

Col. James Barker, general passenger agent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas agent railroad, has officially announced that the will run to Texas points three more harvest excursions than the Western Passenger Association has authorized. The additional excursions will be run on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 and 18. The usual harvest excursion rate of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip will be put in on the days named. This action on the part of the "Katy" will probably be met by the lines of the association, and it may be that a bitter

rate war will result. The Big Four will run another excursion from Cincinnati to this city on Sunday next, \$1 for the round trip, which will make three excursions to Indianapolis on that day over Big Four lines—one from Chicago, another from the Michigan division as far north as Wabash, and the one from Cincinnati. The Big Four will also run an excursion from Acton and points east to Cincinnati on Sunday, and on Sunday next the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton expects to take several thousand people from here and points on the Indianapolis division to Cin-cinnati on a one-dollar round-trip rate.

H. M. Bronson, assistant general passenger agent of the Big Four, yesterday commenced his forty-second year of service with railways, he commencing on the Mad river road at Sandusky, O., which is now a part of the Big Four system. He remembers the first locomotive brought west of the Alleghenies, the "Sandusky." It was built by Rogers & Ketchum, and was four feet eight inches gauge, and on its arriving it was discovered that the track was four feet ten inches wide. About seventeen miles of the road was built, and it was decided to change the gauge of the road rather than the gauge of the engine.

Time is teaching railway managements that in securing rights of way it is not best to take too great a width, as in many States legislatures are passing laws compelling roads to take care of their rights of way, keeping them free from weeds and dead grass, and, where the right of way is over one hundred feet, it is quite an expense to do so. One hundred feet is ample width for even four tracks. One case is cited where a Pennsylvania road owns a right of way 250 feet in width, and the company has given the farmers through whose land their right of way lies the use of a portion of it if they will keep it fenced and comply with the law as regards keeping it in order.

## Mrs. Dietz's Children.

Judge Stubbs yesterday had Mrs. Dietz, wife of the man whom he sent to the workhouse last week for failing to support his family, in court and questioned her as to her care of her children. She has seven children, two of them twin babies, and they have been staying at the Friendly Inn. Superintendent Moore said the woman would not work even in the care of her children and that she allowed two of them to sleep on the floor rather than to exert herself to put them to bed. She denied the charge with indignation and Judge Stubbs told her that if she did not care for her children they would be taken away from

Another Man Sues Rahke. Wesley Parson claims he lost \$25 gambling at Gus Rahke's resort in West Indianapolis on Oct. 20, and yesterday he brought suit for that amount against Rahke in Justice Habich's court. Rahke testified he did not run a gambling house at that time, but that a man who rented a room above his saloon did. Justice Habich said he had no evidence to the contrary, and dismissed the case.

Father and Son Fight. James M. Oakey and son William, residing on North Brookside avenue, quarreled last night. William struck his father on the left cheek with a bottle, cutting a deep gash and dislocating the cheekbone. Mr. Okev attacked his son, as the latter

claims, with a hatchet. Both were arrested

by patrolman Carter. Dugan Fined Two Days' Pay. Patrolman Dungan was yesterday fined two days' pay for conduct unbecoming an officer. The charges were preferred by two women living at No. 58 Yandes street. The charges of profanity against Sergeant Kurtz were dismissed by Superintendent Powell after investigation. They were found to

be without basis. Finley Injured in a Fall. L. C. Finley, aged fifty-three years, a carpenter engaged in building a house at No. 620 North Mississippi street, fell a distance of twenty feet yesterday afternoon and painfully injured himself on the left shoulder and bip. He was removed to his home, No. 614 Mississippi street.

Inspecting Central Avenue. The Board of Public Works yesterday went out to Ceutral avenue to view the third section of the new improvement of the street, which had not been accepted.

Incorporated Yesterday. Articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State yesterday by the Wesleyan Camp-meeting Association of In-diana. Capital stock, \$3,000.

Police Applicants Examined. Clerk Herrick, of the Board of Public Safety, yesterday conducted an examination of applicants for positions on the police

Michael Sheridan was declared insane yesterday morning. His insanity is due to

Salt Rheum often appears in cold weather, attacking the palms of the hands and other parts of the body. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, cures salt rheum. Hood's Pills are the best after dinner

ACTING JUDGE KEALING LETS HER DECIDE HER BOY'S FATE.

Pathetic Scene in the Criminal Court as Val Meler Was About to Be Punished.

There was a scene in the Criminal Court yesterday such as those that bring tears to men's eyes. It caused a moistening of the eyes of acting Judge Kealing and more than one officer of the court. Val Meier is a fourteen-year-old boy, who has tried the patience of his mother beyond the limit of endurance. She filed an affidavit alleging incorrigibility, asking that he be committed to the Reform School for Boys at Plainfield. The case came up for trial before Judge Kealing yesterday morning, and the mother of the boy was the witness against him. Upon her testimony judgment was entered committing him to the reform school. The mother testified that the boy was headstrong and uncontrollable. She said she was wholly unable to manage him. Her testimony was that he continually played truant from school and had been suspended from every school he attended. He would demand money of her, and if she refused to give it to him he would break a dish or some article of furniture.

At the conclusion of the evidence acting Judge Kealing began entering the judgment upon which the boy was to be committed to the reform school. He read aloud as he wrote. He had not the judgment half entered before the boy turned to his mother and theory his arm about her neck mother and threw his arm about her neck. "Oh, mamma, I will be a good boy; don't send me away from you," he pleaded, and then burst into tears. "Give me one more chance, please do, mamma," he cried be-

tween his sobs. The Judge stopped writing the judgment which was to take the boy from home and mother. He looked up from the docket and fixed his gaze upon the little penitent. There was just a suspicion of moisture in his eyes and a slight trem in his voice when he spoke. The boy, with his arms tightly clasped about his mother's neck, had become measureably quiet, and Judge Kealing, speaking to Mrs. Meler, said: "Madam, bring your boy to me."

mother brought the boy to the judge's desk. He was still trembling and clinging tightly to his mother, for fear the deputy sheriff who had been ordered to separate him from her would execute the order. When the mother and child appeared before him Judge Kealing said: "Mrs. Meier, I have entered judgment upon your testimony committing your child to the reform school till he shall reach the age of twenty-one years. That is a long time to separate him from his mother and home. It may be for his good and it may be his ruination. That I cannot determine, nor can you. Now, do you not believe that with the lesson he has had to-day you can safely take him home and give him one more chance, as he so earnestly pleads? You shall be the judge." The boy was still clinging to his mother and pleading earnestly with her to give him one more chance Mrs. Meier stood silent for a moment, then she said: "Judge, I will try him once Judge Kealing suspended judgment during good behavior, and the little boy went

TO ENJOIN SINKING A GAS WELL. Manufacturers' Company Sues En-

away, still clinging to his mother.

caustic Tile Company. The Manufacturers' Natural-gas Company has brought suit to enjoin the United States encaustic tile works from sinking a gas well in Hamilton county. The gas company alleges that the tile works entered into a contract with it in February, 1893, in which it was agreed that the tile works would not sink a gas well within certain defined limits in Fall Creek township in Hamilton county. It is now alleged that this contract is being violated and a well is being sunk.

A Scheme to Garnishee Wages. Andrew Geddings has sued Edward Austin, an East Washington-street grocer, for \$200 damages. Geddings is employed by the Panhandle Railroad Company, and owed Austin \$42. Austin sold the bill to the Equitable Collecting Company, of Louisville. Ky. The company brought suit in Kentucky on the claim and garnisheed Geddings's wages. The complaint alleges that the railroad company, the plaintiff and the defendants are all residents of Marion county, and the bill was sent out of the State for the purpose of preventing him from taking advantage of his legal exemption. By reason of the garnishee proceedings the defendant was unable to get possession of his wages. He says that his family was sick and he had not the means to go to Kentucky and make a defense in the case.

Wants the Judgment in Tort. Alice O'Bannon has filed a motion to modify a judgment against Joseph W. Littler, Singleton D. Cave and George W. Burnham, and argument on the motion was heard by Judge Winters yesterday afternoon. Several months ago Alice O'Bannon recovered judgment against the three defendants named in a suit on notes. She now alleges that the notes were obtained through fraud and asks that the judgment heretofore rendered be modified and entered as a judgment in tort.

Her Husband a Bad One, She Says. Mary E. Conover, in a complaint for divorce from William F. Conover, alleges drunkenness and cruelty as causes for the separation. She avers that the plaintiff spent all of his earnings for intoxicants and while intoxicated threatened to do her bodily harm. She alleges that in August, 1892, he shot at her and at another time shot at her cousin while the latter was

Mashed His Hand.

Moseby Smith has filed suit against the Big Four Railroad Company for damages in the sum of \$5,000 for personal injuries. Smith was assisting a co-employe in cutting rails and was holding a chisel which the other struck with a sledge hammer. The other employe made a mis-stroke and struck Smith's hand with the hammer.

Reed Murder Case Appeal.

The records in the William Reed murder case were yesterday carried to the Supreme Court. Reed, who is serving a ten years' sentence for the murder of Samuel Barker, of this city, appeals from the decision of the Hancock Circuit Court, Errors in refusing to grant a new trial are charged to the lower court. A Stock Broker's Suit.

William Herdman for \$600, alleging the amount to be due him for money advanced in the purchase of certain stocks for the Fourteen Bags of Coffee. The Kirby, Halstead & Chapin Company,

Eli P. Brown, a stock broker, has sued

yesterday, filed suit against Henry Schwinge and Arthur V. Brown, his assignee, to replevin fourteen bags of green

THE COURT RECORD.

Superior Court. Room 2-J. W. Harper, Judge. Nancy Gillispie vs. Frank Glass et al. Jury returned verdict for the plaintiff for Big Four Building Association vs. Sydney

Bradford. Trial by court. Decree of fore-Room 3-Pliny W. Bartholomew, Judge. Mary C. Hunt vs. Hunt Soap and Chemical Company; account. On trial by jury.
Isaac V. Sutphen vs. Indianapolis Paper
Mills; foreclosure. Judgment for \$21,563.20,
decree of foreclosure and sale ordered.

New Suits Filed.

P. P. Mast & Co. vs. Howland & Johnson et al.; note. Superior Court, Room 3.

John H. Smith, Administrator of the estate of Luther R. Easterday, vs. Walter R. Easterday et al.; foreclosure mortgage. Circuit Court. The Arcadia Milling Company vs. Maria L. Snapp et al.; foreclosure. Circuit Court. Joseph Silverman vs. Peter F. Conway; notes. Superior Court, Room 1. Andrew Geddings vs. Edward Austin; damages. Demand, \$200. Superior Court,

Moseby Smith vs. The C., C., C. & St. L. R. R. Co.; damages. Demand, \$5,000. Superior Court, Room Eli P. Brown vs. William Herdman; for money had and received. Superior Court, Alpheus F. Smith vs. George L. K. Stanridge et al.; foreclose mortgage. Circult Charles L. Wilson vs. Horace R. Allen et al.; foreclose mortgage. Circuit Court.

Mary E. Conover vs. William F. Conover;
divorce. Superior Court, Room 2.

Kirby, Halstead & Chapin Company vs.

A MOTHER THE JUDGE | Henry Schwinge et al.; replevin. Superfor Manufacturers' Natural-gas Company vs. United States Encaustic Tile Works; injunction. Circuit Court.

SYNODICAL MEETING CLOSES.

Additional Reports on the Work of the Missions.

The synodical meeting closed yesterday afternoon at the Second Presbyterian Church. It opened yesterday morning with the usual devotional exercises which were led by Mrs. Charles Connor, of New Albany. The presbyterial reports were read and showed the general condition of the woman's missionary societies in the churches throughout the State. In Mrs. F. F. Mc-Crea's report, as treasurer of the contingent fund, she said seven out of the eight presbyterial societies made a gain of \$2,119.28 over last year. The membership is 4,479, the number of societies 173 and the number of bands 35. The total contributions in cash and values of the boxes were \$12,776.23. Miss Merica Hoagland, of Fort Wayne,

gave an interesting talk on "The Home Field," telling of the work which has been accomplished in this country and the needs of a greater effort. Mrs. A. E. Humke, of Vincennes, spoke especially in the interest of the freedmen of the South and referred to the industrial education that was given by the miss maries in that part of the country. Miss Agnes Cochrane, of Fort Wayne, who is the synodical secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E., spoke for this especial branch. The society has wrought wonders in its work but so far its effects have been scattering. Miss Cochrane urged that all C. E. societies send their funds through the organization in order that greater good might be done with them. Mrs. J. B. Kendall, of LaPorte, the Home Mission president, presided at the meeting and, after the talks, led in a conference. Miss Jackson, the colored woman who represents the Haines Academy, gave a short talk telling of the needs of her community. She also spoke at some length on the temptations Thich surround the young women of the South and the patience and perseverance nee led in teaching them. She said that the condition of the negroes in the South is not as sad as that of the poor whites, that the latter are so ignorant they do not even know the value of money of more than 50 cents. Scholarships in the Haines Academy are \$45 a year and this will support one pupil with board, room and tuition for that length of time. An impressive service of prayer was conducted by Mrs. A. A. Pfanstiehl, of Lafayette at 2 o'clock. The committee on nominations returned most of the officers. Those for the Synodical Society of Home

Missions are as follows: President, Mrs. J. B. Kendall, of La-Porte; vice presidents, the eight presbypresidents; corresponding secretary and treasurer of the contingent fund, Mrs. F. F. McCrea, city; recording secretary, Miss Lucy Mayo, city; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. E. B. Thomson, Crawfordsville.

For Synodical Society of Foreign Missions-President, Mrs. D. B. Wells, of Fort Wayne; vice presidents, the eight presbyterial presidents; corresponding and treasurer of contingent fund, Mrs. O. W. Conner, of Wabash; recording secretary, Miss Lucy Maye, city; assistant re-cording secretary, Mrs. E. B. Thomson, Crawfordsville; treasurer Y. P. S. C. E. work, Miss Agnes Cochrane, Fort Wayne; secretary of Y. P. S. C. E. work, Miss Nexon. Evansville. Mrs. J. B. Kendall was chosen delegate to attend the general assembly in Pittsburg next May.

The place for next year's meeting will

be Peru. The exact date in October will be decided later. The mission board has decided not to accept government support, which has been \$10,000 annually, for the school at Sitka, Alaska, and the amount will be raised in the States, Indiana's meeting decided to give \$1,000 of the desired amount. It was also decided to keep the emergency fund of the home board, and each member is asked to give \$1 during the coming year. Mrs. H. H. Babcock, of Evansville, gave the first address, speaking interestingly and entirely without notes on "As We Have Opportunity." Mrs. D. R. James, of Brooklyn, N. Y., known as the "Mother of Missions," who is the president of the woman's executive committee of home mistions, was the last speaker of the meeting. Mrs. James has just come from like gatherings in Minnesota and Iowa. She comlimented the assembly here for the systematic dispatch and order which characterized it. She thanked Indiana for Miss Wishard and Mrs. Miller, who were from this State, and who are doing such efficient service in the mission board. In case of their leaving for any cause, she said she would like two more from this State. She spoke of the needs of the country. There are 9,000,000 children in America who do not attend Sunday school. There is a need of education. Some one asked her one day about Christian science. She told the questioner that it had no Christ and no atonement. A danger to the country, continued the speaker, is the Roman Catholic Church, for, she said, it is a church without a Bible, Only 15 per cent.

cent. of the crime in the country, she claimed, is committed by people of that The Sunday before Thanksgiving has been announced as the time for a collection to be taken in the Sunday schools for the benefit of the Sitka fund, and the Sunday nearest Washington's birthday as the one when a collection for the freedmen will be taken.

of the population is Romanist, but 50 per

Mrs. F. S. Newcomer was asked to make the closing prayer for the meeting, which she did, and the twelfth annual synodical meeting was at an end. It was announced from the platform that some of the mem pers desired to meet William S. Hubbard. who supports several missionaries in the foreign field, and he was called to the front, where many went to speak to him.

SCHOOL LAW REFORMS.

Supt. Vories Will Have Some Amendments for the Legislature.

Superintendent Vories, of the Department of Public Instruction, is engaged in a close study of the Indiana school law with view to preparing a number of amendments for the consideration of the Legislature. During the month of December a committee composed of members of the County Superintendents' Association and the State Teachers' Association, will meet at the Statehouse to discuss needed amendments to the school law. Superintendent Vories is president of the committee. He says few radical changes will be recommended, as the law as it now stands practically meets the requirements of the people of Indiana. However, there is one section of the law upon which the Legislature may be called upon to act. In the matter of school enumeration, Superintendent Vories says there is need of more rigorous legislation. He believes the school fund of the State should be apportioned by the vote instead of the enumeration of school children, the basis upon which the money has been paid out for many years.

"This part of the school law is greatly abused," continued Mr. Vories. "In 1890, when I took possession of this office there was some friction between County Superintendent Frick and the city school officials. Mr. Frick claimed the enumeration of school children was too high in Indianapolis and contended that the city was receiving more than its share of the school fund. The school officials insisted that the work of taking the enumeration had been carefully done, but to satisfy the county superintendent, as they said, the work was ordered gone over again. This time the enumerators were instructed to take down the street and number, in addition to the name of the child. The result was a surprise to the city and a triumph for the county superintendent. It was clearly shown that the first enumeration was too high and a comparison of statistics revealed a difference of fourteen thousand names. The second enumeration saved just \$50,000 for the city of Indianapolis. The same trouble is experienced atl over the State. The present system of enumeration is not a success, although I believe that the error is made in many instances through the negligence of those having the work to do."

Relief in Sight.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A rousing Republican victory in the congressional elections is what business needs now in order to disperse the last of the financial clouds, and that victory will be on hand two weeks from to-morrow.

Fact of the Matter.

Kansas City Journal. When Dr. Parkhurst says the reformation of fallen woman depends on her being received back into equality by her sisters in society he practically closes the door of hope on the fallen woman.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

THE PARKS PROJECT BUSINESS DIRECTORY

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A LEGISLATIVE BILL.

Landscape Engineers Will Be Invited to Come to This City Soon and Prepare Plans.

E. F. Claypool, Ferd. L. Mayer, H. C. Allen, Frank A. Maus and D. P. Erwin, members of the recently appointed special committee on parks, submitted the following report at a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon:

"Your special committee on parks for preliminary work, in gathering information as to additional legislation needed, etc., to enable the city of Indianapolis to secure a better park system, desire to say that since our appointment as such committee we have been very much encouraged by favorable notices in the public press of this city and by many prominent citizens, to go forward with the work assigned us. The committee has had two meetings and has spent considerable time in investigating the questions before it. Feeling the import-ance of prompt action we have concluded to offer at this time the following for your

"First-We recommend that some competent person be appointed by you to investigate the law relative to public parks in other cities and to prepare a bill on that subject, such as may be deemed proper to serve the best interests of this city, and when found to be satisfactory to your board and the proper city authorities it should be presented for enactment at the next session of our State Legislature. at the next session of our State Legislature, believing that the present law on that subject is not sufficient to meet the necessary

requirements.
"Second—That a competent civil and landscape engineer be employed to make a careful examination of the several tracts of unimproved land lying within and adjoining the city limits with a view to making selections therefrom such as may be best sulted for use, ornamentation and convenience for a public park, and to make surveys thereof with maps of the same.

Also suggestions as to the proper plan of improvement with an estimate of cost of

such work.

"Third—That you request the Mayor of the city of Indianapolis to appoint a special committee on the question of public parks and that such committee be invited to meet your committee to consider and devise ways and means to enable the city of Indianapolis to secure a better and more ex-"Your committee is of the opinion that when a proper selection for such improve-ment has been made and you are enabled to lay before the people of Indianapolis carefully prepared plans showing the contemplated work with approximate estimates as to its cost, so that they can be better informed as to the purpose, beauties and importance of such an undertaking,

willingness on their part to contribute lib-erally in behalf of the enterprise. "And should you deem it advisable to carry out the recommendations of your committee we have much confidence that we will at the proper time be prepared with suggestions that will aid you in bringing about a favorable termination of the object proposed.

In the discussion of the report Mr. Clay-

you will then find a proper appreciation and

pool said the work of the engineer would be merely advisory and not to make the final selections of ground. Mr. Claypool said, in talking with people concerning the movement, he was always asked what he wished to do himself. He said he wished it understood that he was willing to support any plan that met general favor and which would give the most satisfaction to those most actively engaged in the work. However, he thought that nothing less than one thousand acres should be secured. He had thought of no special location. H. Clay Allen, a member of the committee, in speaking of what would be required in the way of legislation, said he thought in the preparation of the city charter less attention had been paid to the park question than of the other branches of munici-pal affairs. He was in favor of having a park commissioner appointed with powers similar to those conferred upon park com-missions of other cities. The directors adopted a motion concurring in the report and to continue the committee. The committee was given power to prepare a bill and to secure the services of landscape engineers as recommended in the report. The president of the club was authorized to invite Mayor Denny to appoint a com-mittee of five to represent the city with

in this line will be made next Tuesday. TRY ON NEW SHOES AT HOME.

the request that the Mayor and city en-

gineer be members of the committee. The

committee will extend invitations to land-

scape engineers to come to this city to

draw up plans. Probably the first work

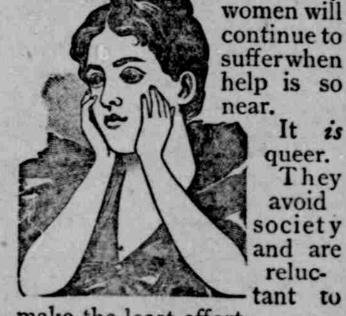
New Scheme for the Relief of Timid Maidens and Many Others as Well. Philadelphia Times. There's a new thing in the shoe business. A man who has been at it in this

city for a number of years and knows all about the whims of customers and the ins and outs of the trade has hit upon the novel scheme. His plan is simple, but most practical. It is no more than to measure, fit and complete the sale at the customer's residence. An order is received, an idea given of the goods desired, and a wagon carrying a miniature shoe stock is dispatched to the home, accompanied by an experienced salesman. All the details are attended to in the privacy of the boudoir or the reception room. And thus the feet are shod without trouble, annoyance or embarrassment.

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new purchase. The new scheme will also be approved by many others. How many portly matrons will hail with delight the opportunity of selecting their shoes at home? Then there are housewives, young mothers, semi-invalids, gouty old men, timid young women, who will appreciate the new idea, and the mother of half a dozen youngsters, each of whom has kicked through all the stout shoe leather of a few weeks before, can already feel a relief. The husband on his way to the office simply leaves directions and the job is done.

> I Wonder Why So many



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